

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Hooton, Thomas  
TC/AU: 2631  
Examiner: Aghdam, Freshteh N.  
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**AMENDMENT PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is in response to the Office Action dated April 7, 2006, having a statutory period for response set to expire on July 7, 2006.

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